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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REQUEST FOR US TO TAKE BACK

GENERAL QUANG

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WARREN CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY SISCO LATE AUGUST 13 TO REQUEST THAT USG ACCEPT RETURN OF GENERAL QUANG FROM CANADA. AFTER RECOUNTING RECENT HISTORY OF QUANG CASE, WARREN SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST FORMALLY AT POLITICAL LEVEL THAT USG USE WHATEVER AUTHORITY EXISTED TO RECEIVE GENERAL QUANG. WARREN EXPLAINED QUANG'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IS CREATING SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND EVEN THREATENS TO
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UNDERMINE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF LARGER PROGRAM OF ADMISION OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

2. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH CANADIAN

PROBLEM BUT EXPLAINED USG UNABLE TO ACCEPT RETURN OF QUANG.
PAROLE AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER WHICH QUANG
WOULD HAVE TO BE ADMITTED WOULD NOT APPLY AS AUTHORITY
IS ONLY EXERCISED IN BEHALF OF REFUGEES IN DANGER AND SEEK-
ING SAFE-HAVEN. SISCO NOTED THAT QUANG DOES NOT FIT THIS
SITUATION. WERE PAROLE AUTHORITY TO BE EXPANDED TO COVER
CASES LIKE QUANG'S, US WOULD BE FACED WITH SIMILAR EN-
TREATIES FROM PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN OTHER

COUNTRIES.

3. AMBASSADOR WARREN WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT US HAD MADE
LOW KEY INFORMAL INQUIRY IN TAIWAN TO TEST WATER OF
QUANG ACCEPTABILITY THERE. HE WAS TOLD RECEPTION WHILE
NOT FIRMLY NEGATIVE WAS DECIDEDLY UNENTHUSIASTIC AND
FORMAL DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY
CHANGE OF ACCEPTANCE.

4. IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE US RESPONSE TO CANADIAN REQUEST
WHICH IS DEFINITIVE, FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN
AGREED TO FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS:

QUOTE

Q: HAS THE USG RESPONDED TO THE CANADIAN REQUEST TO TAKE
BACK GENERAL QUANG?

A: YES. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE CANADIANS THAT WE ARE
UNABLE TO ACCEPT HIM. HE IS NOT RETURNABLE AS A DE-
PORTEE, FOR HIS CASE DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE
RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES GOVERN-
ING DEPORTATION WHICH DEFINES THE CLASSES OF DEPORTEES
EACH COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT FROM THE OTHER. NOR CAN HE BE
ADMITTED UNDER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PAROLE AUTHORITY,
FOR PAROLE IS ONLY EXERCISED IN THE CASE OF REFUGEES
WHERE THEY ARE IN DANGER AND ARE SEEKING A SAFE HAVEN.
GENERAL QUANG CLEARLY IS NOT IN THIS SITUATION.

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Q: WHAT ABOUT GENERAL QUANG'S OWN EFFORTS TO RETURN TO
THE US?

A: GENERAL QUANG IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS A REFUGEE AS HE
ELECTED TO SETTLE IN CANADA. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THIS BUT
ALSO ADVISED HIM HE IS ENTITLED TO APPLY FOR AN IMMI-
GRANT VISA. GENERAL QUANG HAS ALREADY FILED A PRE-
LIMINARY APPLICATION FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA. THE PRO-
CEDURE OF QUALIFYING AND ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR
A VISA IS LONG AND DIFFICULT. THE PROCESS IS LIKELY TO
TAKE A NUMBER OF MONTHS.

Q: I LIGHT OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GENERAL QUANG
WHAT ACTION WILL THE UNITED STATES TAKE?

A. OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE THE USUAL, THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE GENERAL QUANG'S ELIGIBILITY. SISCO

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